



SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 16-041

State of Arizona Department of Education

TO: Superintendents, District Business Managers, Charter Business Managers, Charter Holders, and Administrators

FROM: Lyle Friesen, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: March 15, 2016

SUBJECT: School Finance Updates

AzEDS

[Final deadline information for Local Education Agency transitions to AzEDS is available here.](#)

200 Day Calendar Operation Approval Deadline

FY2017 deadline for approval of 200 Day Calendar is June 1, 2017. This must be approved and completed each year as a new process. The 200-day calendars are approved one year at a time. If your district or charter intends to operate on a 200-day calendar in FY2017, you must, at a minimum:

- a. Submit a letter to Lyle Friesen, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance, and request approval of the 200-day calendar prior to June 1, 2017.
- b. Submit a 200-day calendar for each school within the district/charter holder, which includes a 10 percent increase in annual instructional hours.
- c. Charters (ASBCS sponsored schools) requesting a 200-day calendar must have it approved by the Charter Board prior to approval by School Finance.
- d. Budget for a five percent increase in base level support.
- e. Submit the "Optional 200 Day Instructional Calendar Compliance Form"
<http://www.azed.gov/finance/forms/> to your Account Analyst.

SAIS Updates

FY 2016 System of Record

SAIS will be the system of record for FY 2016. All state funding will be based on the data in SAIS and reports available through Student Detail Data Interchange (SDDI) and Student Detail Reports (SDR), both accessible from [Common Logon](#).

The following reports have been implemented in SDR (Student Detail Reports), and therefore have been removed from SDDI (Student Detail Data Interchange) in Common Logon:

District and School Level Reports

- SDADMS75-1 – Adjusted Student ADM Limit Report
- SDELL75-1 – ELL Adjusted Membership Report by DOA
- SDSPED75-1 – Adjusted Membership Report by DOA

District Level Only Report

- SDELL75-3 – ELL Adjusted Membership Report by DOR

If you have any trouble locating the reports listed above, please contact your Account Analyst listed [here](#).

Important Reminder: Reconcile ADE Data to your SIS Data

Remember to reconcile the data that is in your student information system (SIS) with the data in SAIS. Funding is determined by the data that is in SAIS, not your SIS. If there is a discrepancy in the data, whatever is in SAIS will be used for your funding. Data should be reconciled monthly, at a minimum.

A couple of reports to review on a regular basis:

- Student Integrity Status Report SAIS raw data reports: ADMS72, SPED71, ELL71Funding reports after Aggregation: ADMS, SPED and ELL 75 reports and the ADMS76 report.

These reports can all be found within [Common Logon](#) within either SDDI or the Student Detail Reports applications. Presentations on how to reconcile SAIS reports are available on our [Business Rules and Presentations site](#) within the “Presentation” section under FYs 2015 and 2014. You may also contact your [Account Analyst](#) for additional guidance and support.

Charter Estimated Counts – FY 2017

Charter Estimated Counts will still be available for use during FY2017

The implementation of current year funding will impact districts and JTED's, charters holders will continue to utilize Charter Estimated Counts tool to report their estimated of Average Daily Membership (ADM) as they normally would for their first few monthly payments.

Dropout Recovery and Grand Canyon Diploma Data Reporting

Dropout Recovery Program (DRP) and Grand Canyon Diploma (GCD) data will follow the same method of submission in FY 2016 as used in FY 2015. The data required for these two programs is being added to AzEDS. Submission of GCD and DRP data will be possible in AzEDS during FY 2016 for testing purposes only. Data submitted into AzEDS will not be transferred to SAIS for FY2016. DRP student data submissions and state funding will remain the same for FY 2016 as it has in past fiscal years

Payment Updates

District Additional Assistance:

The DAA lump sum reduction has been recalculated to reflect the FY2016 SRP value and exclude the DAA growth amount for all DSCS districts which converted back to the district schools.

FY2016 Instructional Improvement Fund Payment 1:

- Because we waited until much later in the fiscal year than we normally do for the first Instructional Improvement Fund payment, there is more revenue available than usual. This resulted in much larger payments to LEAs. This will also make the second payment of the fiscal year that much smaller since the “halves” of the year covered in each payment are so disproportionate. It will level out over the fiscal year, but with payment 1 being much larger than payment 2 instead of them being closer to equal.

Budgets Updates

FY 2015 BUDG75 Expenditure Analysis Letters Have Been Posted

The FY 2015 BUDG75 Expenditure Analysis Letters have been published to the School Finance website and are available for download and review.

To select a specific District, please click the following link:
<https://www.azed.gov/Budget/EntitySelection.asp>.

Transportation Routes is Open for Data Submission

It's that time of year again for districts to submit their transportation routes data to ADE. In accordance with A.R.S. §15-922, transportation routes data must be submitted to ADE within 12 business days of the district's 100th day.

Transportation Routes data must be submitted via Common Logon on the ADE web site. Your School Finance Account Analyst can assist you with any questions that you may have. Click [here](#) to find your Account Analyst.

Please note that only districts must submit this data. Charters do not submit transportation data.

General Updates

Email Distribution

If you are not receiving updates via email and you would like to, please email schoolfinance@azed.gov with your name, email, school and position. If you have more than one person you would like to receive emails, please include their information as requested above. If you have any questions, please email schoolfinance@azed.gov or call Stephanie Dunford @ 602-542-8248.

School Finance Hot Topics:

Keep informed of upcoming events, deadlines and system updates by bookmarking our Hot Topics webpage and checking it often. All updates published by School Finance can be found on this page (<http://www.azed.gov/finance/category/hot-topics/>). These same Hot Topics can also be found on our home page at <http://www.azed.gov/finance/>.

Updating Your Contact Information

Please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date. Any changes to entities should be sent to your [LEA Account Analyst](#). Changes related to individuals should be sent to enterprise@azed.gov. Charters must ensure changes are first approved through the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

External Guidelines

External guidelines are posted on our School Finance website. Next to each guideline is the effective date. As new guidelines become available, they will be posted for your review at:

<http://www.azed.gov/finance/school-finance-external-guidelines/>

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals relating to these areas:

- 1) **General Updates:** Email schoolfinance@azed.gov
- 2) **SAIS/ADM, SDER, and Transportation:** A listing of account analysts for each school district and charter holder is available on the School Finance web site at <http://www.azed.gov/Administrators/SF/Lists/LEAAccountAnalysts/AllItems.aspx>
- 3) **Payment:** Email the School Finance payment team at SFpaymentteam@azed.gov
- 4) **Budget:** Email the School Finance budget team at SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov.

Other Areas within ADE

- **Title I, Maintenance of Effort, Stephanie Washington**
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- **ESS, Maintenance of Effort, ESSFunding@azed.gov**, 602-542-3851
- **ADE Support**, 602-542-7378 or 1-866-577-9636
- **Grants Management** –Toll Free (844) 893-9789 or locally (602) 542-3901

Please let us know what we can do to better assist you. Send your suggestions to SchoolFinance@azed.gov and in the subject line type SUGGESTIONS.